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1. IN TWO-HOUR-LONG JANUARY NINETEEN MEETING WITH EMBOFF, GOSK DIRECTOR SUPAGIN APPROVED FEBRUARY EIGHT ARRIVAL FOR ONE WEEK ADVANCE VISIT BY TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF ACT. HE FURTHER AGREED THAT A RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF GOSK WOULD ACCOMPANY ADVANCE TEAM TO PREPARE A FINAL CONTRACT DURING VISIT. IN 21 JAN. TELCON, NETTO SAID 6 TO 12 FEB PERIOD FOR ADVANCE VISIT DID NOT APPEAR A PROBLEM. SHE WILL CONFIRM 22 JAN.

2. SUPAGIN CLAIMED AND NETTO AGREED THAT U.S. HAD YET TO REVEAL ACT FEE. EMBOFF SUGGESTED DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND RUBLES ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE (REFTEL). SUPAGIN REPLIED THAT IN NO CASE WOULD GOSK PAY MORE THAN THE DOLLARS TWO THOUSAND PER PERFORMANCE RECEIVED BY MOSCOW ART THEATER (MKHAT) DURING NEW YORK VISIT. HE EMPHASIZED THIS CEILING A MATTER OF PRESTIGE. "MKHAT IS AS GOOD AS ACT." SUPAGIN SAID MKHAT PAID ROOM AND BOARD FROM THIS FEE. HE PROPOSED RUBLES ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED PER PERFORMANCE (EQUIVALENT TO DOLLARS TWO THOUSAND PAID MKHAT) WITH BOARD TO BE PAID
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FROM THIS AMOUNT (AT RUBLES SEVEN PER PERSON PER DAY IF

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ARRANGED BY GOSK) AND ROOM TO BE PAID BY GOSK.

3. SUPAGIN NOTED EXPENSE OF INTERNAL TRAVEL AND PROPOSED COST OF TRANSPORT MOSCOW - ALMA ATA, RUBLES FIFTEEN THOUSAND, BE SHARED WITH GOSK PAYING RUBLES TEN THOUSAND AND U.S. PAYING RUBLES FIVE THOUSAND. IN EVENT THIS UNACCEPTABLE, HE SUGGESTED ALMA ATA BE REPLACED BY CITY IN EUROPEAN USSR IN WHICH CASE GOSK WOULD ASSUME ALL TRAVEL EXPENSES. HE REQUESTED ANSWER THIS POINT BY FRIDAY JANUARY TWENTY-THREE.

4. EMBOFF TOOK NOTE OF ABOVE PROPOSALS WITHOUT COMMENT, AS PROPOSALS OSTENSIBLY BASED ON AMOUNT PAID MKHAT IN U.S. AND EMBOFF HAS NO ADDITONAL INFORMATION THIS SUBJECT. ADVISE DEPT. POSITION THESE MATTERS AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON MKHAT TOUR, IF AVAILABLE.

5.PHAO LENINGRAD WILL ACCOMPANY ACT ADVANCE TEAM THERE AND ACAO/PAGS WILL ACCOMPANY IN MOSCOW AND THIRD CITY.
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